



CHAPTER

19



JUN MOCHIZUKI

THE CASE STUDY OF
VANITAS



BLACK SMOKE
OBSTRUCTS MY
VISION, AND
BEYOND IT...

...LIE
COUNTLESS
CORPSES.

THE STENCH
OF BURNING
MEAT STINGS
MY NOSTRILS.

THE FAINT
VOICES OF
PRECIOUS
CHILDREN
ASKING FOR
HELP..

THEY ARE
CALLING
MY NAME.





HEY, AMELIA.
WHAT SORT OF PERSON
BROUGHT
THIS CARD?

...I
WONDER
WHERE
ON EARTH
HE WAS
SLEEPING
BEFORE.



YOU'RE
NEVER
IN YOUR
ROOM, YOU
KNOW.

I'M
SO GLAD I
MANAGED
TO GET IT
TO YOU.

I
HAVE BEEN
SLEEPING
HERE LATELY,
AS I'M
SURPRISED
TO



I'M SORRY...
I WAS ONLY
ABLED TO
DELIVER IT A
MOMENT AGO BY
SOMEONE ELSE,
SO I DIDN'T SEE
THE MINDER.



WHA... IS
THAT ALL
RIGHT?

YEAH, I
WOULDN'T
GO NEAR
HIM.



WE'LL
MAKE
A HUG-
PILLOW
OUT OF
YOU.



MONSIEUR
NOÛ?

HE
FELL
AGAIN,
HNT?





*YOU HAVE A
VERY UNIQUE
WAY OF
SLEEPING.*







BONJOUR,
BOY.



DID
YOU HAVE
A NICE
DREAM?

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IT WAS THE SAME BACK THEN.

IN THE END, HE ONLY EXTRACTED INFORMATION THAT WAS USEFUL TO HIM, AND I WASN'T EVEN GIVEN TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS.

...IF I DID ASK, I'D WAGER HE WOULDN'T TELL ME A THING ABOUT HIMSELF.



RE:VAIN



EVEN SO, YOU MUST KNOW WHAT SORT OF PERSON HE IS.



...DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT VANITAS'S PAST EITHER.

I...

WAGER
SCURRY



THAT ALONE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH REASON FOR ME TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN YOU.



BESIDES, YOU ARE THE CHILD OF THE SHAPELESS ONE.

PHH...I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO TAKE US TO TASK FOR WHAT HAPPENED UNDERGROUND THE OTHER DAY

WAGER
RE:VAIN
SCURRY



TO THINK
THERE WAS A
VAMPIRE WHO
COULD TRUST
THAT MAN SO
CASUALLY?



...IT WAS
-BA-BA-BA!
THAT'S
FANTASTIC!



IS MY
TEACHER
THAT
AMAZING A
VAMPIRE?



...I DON'T
REALLY
KNOW
EITHER.

THE
TRUTH
IS...



EVEN
MARGUS
MACHINA
SAYS HE
DOESN'T
KNOW HIS
ORIGINS.

JUST HOW
LONG HAS
HE EXISTED
AS A
VAMPIRE?



THAT IS
PRECISELY
WHY
EVERYONE
FEARS
HIM.

NO
ONE
KNOWS
A THING
ABOUT
HIM.

THAT IS
ONE OF THE
FEW THINGS
WE DO KNOW
ABOUT HIM.

HE WAS THE
FIRST VAMPIRE
TO SERVE HER
MAJESTY THE
QUEEN AND STAY
BY HER SIDE,
AND THE ONE
WHO DID SO THE
LONGEST.

...THAT
SAID.

HE CHANGES
HIS NAME AND HIS
SHAPE AS THE DROP OF
A HAT, BUT IF ANYONE
CALLED HIM BY THE
WRONG NAME, HE BEATS
THEM WITHIN AN INCH
OF THEIR LIFE ON
THE SPOT...

HE'S A
THUNDERING
NUSSANCE!

HE FORGOT
THE TITLE AND
TERRITORY HE
RECEIVED FROM HER
MAJESTY ONCE HE
ADOPTED CLOTH AND
LIVED A LIFE OF LONGB
IN THE DESERTS,
WITHOUT THINKING
HIMSELF OVER THE
WORLD.

HE DIDN'T
TAKE ANY
SORT OF
IMPORTANT
POST.

HA
HA
HA
HA!

IT'S
REALLY
SAD
ABOUT
THE
THUNDER

...I'M
STARTING
TO FEEL
VERY BAD
ABOUT
ALL THIS.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

AND THAT'S
WHY THEY
CALL HIM
"THE
SHAMELESS
ONE?"







SO
THAT WE
COULD BUILD
A BETTER
FUTURE
TOGETHER.

I GAVE
THEM
KNOWLEDGE
SO THAT
THEY COULD
THINK.



MANY
PUPILS
LOOKED UP
TO ME AND
GATHERED
AROUND
ME.



THIS WAS
BACK WHEN
HUMANS AND
VAMPIRES
STILL HATED
AND KILLED
EACH OTHER.



THEY'RE
DEAD.

DO YOU
STILL SEE
THEM?



THEY
WERE
ALL...

...KILLED.





ONE MORE CONVERSATION



I'M
WORRIED,
THOUGH.

SOMEONE
WHO'LL TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF
YOUR KINDNESS
AND USE YOU
MAY APPEAR
SOMEDAY.



...
WOULDN'T
DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

VANTAS

...



...YOU MEAN
VANTAS?



I
WONDER...
YES...
YES, HE
ACTUALLY
MIGHT!

...WAIT.
THAT'S A
LIE, ISN'T IT.
HE'S DONE
ALL SORTS
OF THINGS
TILL NOW!



...HE
CAN'T STAND
ANYONE
GETTING
HURT FOR
HIS SAKE.

HE TRIES
TO USE
EVERYONE,
AND YET...



...INCON-
SISTENT.

HE'S...



...IF
YOU ASK
ME...

HE...
VANITAS
SAID
THAT...

...
HUMANS
AND
VAMPIRES
WERE THE
SAME.

EVERY
ONE OF
YOU
HUMAN
HELP
CREATED

HE TOLD
ME THEY WERE
BOTH TERRIBLY
UGLY, ENDLESSLY
SELFISH
CREATURES.

BUT YOU
DON'T...ARE
VAMPIRES?





...I FELT
LONELINESS.

WHEN
I HEARD
THAT, IT
IRRITATED
ME...

...AND
AT THE
SAME
TIME...



—AND
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?



HUH
...?

.....



...AND
WHAT ARE
HUMANS?

TO
YOUR MIND,
WHAT ARE
VAMPIRES

...



I HEAR YOU
WERE TAKEN IN
AND FOSTERED
BY HUMANS
WHEN YOU
WERE SMALL..



...?
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHAT
YOU'RE...



...IN A
BRIEF
WAY



I'VE
INVESTIGATED
YOUR PAST...





**NOË
ARCHIVISTE.**

**OR DO
YOU SIDE
WITH THE
HUMANS,
AGAINST
US?**

**ARE YOU
A FRIEND
OF THE
VAMPIRES?**





I'M
NEITHER.



BY ITSELF,
JUST BEING
VAMPIRE
OR HUMAN
COULD NEVER
BE ENOUGH
TO MAKE
SOMEONE AN
ENEMY.

TO ME,
"THE
ENEMY"

...IS
WHATEVER
HURTS
SOMEONE
SPECIAL TO ME
OR SOMETHING
I WANT TO
PROTECT.



*I LIKE
VAMPIRES.*

*AND, IN
THE SAME
WAY...*

*...I LIKE
HUMANS.*



*...I
SEE.*

*I
UNDER-
STAND.*



YOU WON'T DO.













...
"SWEAR"
!!



**"SWEAR
IT."**

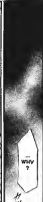
**"...YOU
WILL OBEY
MY ORDER,
NO MATTER
WHAT IT
IS."**



**"ONE
TIME
ONLY..."**

**"...WHEN
I WISH
IT..."**







"THE
SHAPELESS
ONE"... WE DON'T
KNOW WHY
THAT MONSTER
WAS KEEPING
AN ARCHIVIST
NEAR HIM, SINCE
THAT'S THE
CASE...



...IT MAY
BE WISER
TO KEEP HIM
ALIVE, AS
A PRISON.

I
CHANGED
MY MIND.



WE CAN
GET RID
OF HIM
WHENEVER
WE WISH.

HE'S
JUST A
CHILD.



I HAVE
HIGH
HOPES
FOR YOU,
BOY.



*...BE
SURE TO
REMEMBER
THAT OATH.*

*WHEN
THE TIME
COMES...*









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